

# Fosroc® Expandafaom® Open Cell



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## Low density, open cell polyurethane foam backing rod

### Uses

As a bond breaker/joint profile former to support elastomeric sealants in expansion joints between all common building materials

### Advantages

- Compatible with all elastomeric sealants
- Open cell structure allows greater air contact with joint sealants resulting in faster cure rate of single component joint sealants
- Readily compressible - each size accommodates a wide range of joint sizes
- Low load transfer
- CFC free

### Description

Expandafaom Open Cell is an open cell polyurethane foam rod supplied in circular section cords of varying diameters. Expandafaom Open Cell is primarily used in expansion joints which are to be subsequently sealed with one component polyurethane and similar sealants.

### Design Criteria

Expandafaom Open Cell should always be installed into a joint under compression to ensure that applying the joint sealant will not displace the foam. This is achieved by compressing Expandafaom Open Cell by 30% when installing into a joint (or by using foam 1/3 larger than the joint size). As a guide, use sizes noted on the chart below:

Expandafaom Closed Cell diameter selection guide:

Joint width	Expandafaom Open Cell diameter
<10 mm	16 mm
11 to 15 mm	22 mm
16 to 20 mm	29 mm
21 to 25 mm	38 mm
26 to 35 mm	50 mm

### Important notice

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is available from the Fosroc website. Read the SDS and TDS carefully prior to use as application or performance data may change from time to time. In emergency, contact any Poisons Information Centre (phone 13 11 26 within Australia) or a doctor for advice.

### Product disclaimer

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## Properties

Data quoted are typical for this product, but do not constitute a specification.

<b>Form:</b>	Compressible, open cell polyurethane foam rod
<b>Colour:</b>	Light Orange
<b>Nominal density:</b>	31 kg/m <sup>3</sup>

## Application Instructions

When used as an expansion or isolation joint filler, Expandafaom Open Cell should be positioned to provide for a surface sealing slot of required dimensions, ensuring that the sealing slot is free from mortar droppings, slurry, etc.

When used as a backing strip, Expandafaom Open Cell is simply push fitted back into the joint. The cord diameter used should be at least 30% greater than the joint width.

### External walling and cladding

Expandafaom Open Cell is used as a backing strip for expansion joints, as a gap filler for any open joints prior to application of any cold applied joint sealant and as a readily compressible, low load transfer joint filler in joints surrounding brick infill panel walling

### Limitations

Expandafaom Open Cell, as with other foam backing rods, is not suitable for use with hot pour sealants.

Applications where joint backing must provide continual support for the joint sealant e.g. water retaining structures or floor joints subject to traffic, Hydrocell, a semi rigid filler should be used.

Expandafaom Open Cell is not resistant to long term UV exposure.

## Supply

Size	Material code
16mm x 150m roll	FC700981-UNIT
22mm x 100m roll	FC700982-UNIT
29mm x 60m roll	FC700983-UNIT
38mm x 30m roll	FC700984-UNIT
50mm x 20m roll	FC700985-UNIT